

REMARKS

Claims 12-18 and 20-29 are pending in the application. Claims 14, 16, and 21-23 were previously withdrawn as being drawn to non-elected matter in response to the February 27, 2007 Restriction Requirement. In the Office Action, claims 12, 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, and 26-29 were allowed. Claims 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

In this response, claims 13 and 15 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

Restriction Requirement:

The restriction requirement mailed February 27, 2007 has been made final. It is respectfully submitted that as generic claim 12 has now been allowed, at least dependent claims 14 and 16, which include all the features of claim 12, should also now be rejoined and allowed.

Rejoinder and allowance of dependent claims 14 and 16 is respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims:

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 12, 17, 18, 20 and 24-29 have been allowed. In view of the above amendments and following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims is in condition for allowance.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112:

Claims 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the necessary structural connections. Specifically, the Examiner

indicates that the relationship between the "fixed contact" recited in claim 12 and the "respective contact-carrier," the "respective connecting point," the "fixed contact," and the "connecting point for wiring" remains unclear.

In response claims 13 and 15 have been amended to more clearly recite the relationship between the "respective fixed contact," the "respective contact carrier," the "respective connecting point," and the "connecting point for wiring." Specifically, claim 13 has been amended to recite "the respective connecting point and the respective fixed contact being disposed at a first end of the respective contact carrier," and claim 15 has been amended to recite "connecting point includes at least one of the respective fixed contact and a connecting point for wiring." Support for these amendments may be found, for example, in paragraphs [0023] and [0025], on pages 5 and 6, respectively, of the Specification, and Figures 1, 2a, and 6. It is respectfully submitted that the relationship between the "respective fixed contact," the "respective contact carrier," the "respective connecting point," and the "connecting point for wiring" is now sufficiently recited, and that claims 13 and 15 now meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 13 and 15 under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

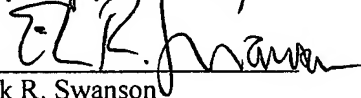
In view of the above amendments and remarks applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any unpaid fees deemed required in connection with this submission, including any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

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